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Rural-Relevant Tools

Count Us In!

How to make sure that women with disabilities can participate effectively in mainstream women's entrepreneurship development activities

- Promote entrepreneurship and improve livelihood
- Promote disability inclusion in general

How is it delivered?

- Training of trainers
- Handing out of the guide
- Use as a resource in courses at ILO's International Training Centre

What are its components?

Five chapters:

- What are these guidelines about?
- Establishing effective partnerships
- Set up the systems that make inclusion work
- Promote coherent disability-related policy and practice throughout the enterprise development sector
- Conclusion

Which technical areas are covered?

- Disability-inclusive entrepreneurship development
- Business and technical skills development



What is Count Us In?

Guidelines spelling out what needs to be done to operationalise current thinking on disability inclusion strategies, and to ensure that women with disabilities can fully benefit from mainstream Women's Entrepreneurship Development (WED) activities. It is in use since 2008

For whom?

■ Direct beneficiaries:

- Mainstream and specialized service providers, including women's enterprise associations (WEAs), disabled persons' organizations (DPOs) and others who want to ensure the full participation of disabled women in WED
- Employment specialists, particularly enterprise development specialists, as well as those involved in management and planning in this field, and ILO staff and managers who are not specialists in disability-related issues
- Some sections are aimed at ILO disability specialists, who are in a position to support other ILO personnel and project staff

■ Ultimate beneficiaries: Persons with disabilities, particularly women

For what purpose?

- Enable and mainstream effectively the inclusion of persons with disabilities in general entrepreneurship training and services on an equal basis with others



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Can it cover more technical areas?

Yes, it could be adapted to become a more general tool on disability inclusion



Where has it been used?

In 8 countries: Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Tanzania, Uganda, Viet Nam, and Zambia

Which languages?

Available in 4 languages: Amharic, English, Japanese, and Vietnamese

Is it suitable for rural areas?

Yes

What are its strengths?

- Evidence-based
- Reader-friendly
- Many of the actions detailed in *Count Us In!* are straightforward, cost-free and can be applied immediately
- Linked with all of the Women Entrepreneurship Development and Gender Equality (WEDGE) tools, as well as other entrepreneurship development tools

Is there a training course in ITC-Turin?

Yes, it is part of the “Sustainable Enterprise Academy”: http://enterpriseacademy.ilo.org/en/home/home-page/view?set_language=en and the “Labour Market Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities” course

Where to find more information?

- Website:
www.ilo.org/disability
- Tool available at:
http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---ifp_skills/documents/publication/wcms_106558.pdf

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